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Health Professions Division

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NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE
2002 Entering Class
Nova Southeastern University, synonymous with dynamic innovation and intellectual challenge, is the largest independent not-for-profit university in the State of Florida, and, with an enrollment of approximately 20,000, among the 20 largest in the United States. Situated on a beautiful 232-acre campus in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, the University is experiencing a sustained period of academic growth, fiscal strength, and commitment to the challenges of the 21st century.

In this environment of expansion and stability, the University is capitalizing on its strengths in such areas as academic innovation, comprehensive clinical training, and flexible educational delivery systems.

Founded in 1964 as Nova University, the institution merged with Southeastern University of the Health Sciences in 1994, creating Nova Southeastern University. To date, the institution has graduated over 55,000 alumni. Fully accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the University awards bachelor's, master's, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees in a wide range of fields including, in addition to the health professions, law, business, marine sciences, psychology, social sciences, computer and information sciences, and education.

The University's programs are administered through fifteen academic centers that offer courses at the main campus as well as at field-based locations throughout Florida, across the nation, and at selected international sites in Europe, Canada, the Pacific Rim, Central and South America, and the Caribbean.

With a budget of over $200 million a year and an upward trend in enrollment, the University will continue to maintain a solid record of academic and fiscal strength and excellence in teaching and community service, while expanding its mission in research and scholarship.
MISSION STATEMENT

Nova Southeastern University is a dynamic, not-for-profit, independent institution dedicated to providing high quality educational programs of distinction from preschool to the professional and doctoral levels, as well as service to the community.

Nova Southeastern University prepares students for lifelong learning and leadership roles in business and the professions. It offers academic programs at times convenient to students, employing innovative delivery systems and rich learning resources on campus and at distant sites. The University fosters inquiry, research, and creative professional activity by uniting faculty and students in acquiring and applying knowledge in clinical, community, and professional settings.
As a student in the Health Professions Division of Nova Southeastern University, you can anticipate a remarkable experience. You will train, study, interact and share facilities, faculty and resources with other health professions students. This interdisciplinary approach distinguishes the Health Professions Division as unique and will better prepare you to master your discipline with a sensitivity and understanding of the entire health care system.

The Health Professions Division, with a student body of more than 2,500, is home to Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine, the first one in the southeastern U.S., and it grants the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) degree.

The Division has five other colleges. The College of Pharmacy, the only one in South Florida, offers the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree. The College of Optometry, the only one in the state of Florida, awards the Doctor of Optometry (O.D.) degree. The College of Allied Health offers a dual degree Physician Assistant program that awards the Bachelor of Science/Master of Public Health (B.S./M.P.H.) as well as master's level Occupational Therapy (M.O.T.) and Public Health (M.P.H.) programs and doctoral programs in Occupational Therapy (Ph.D./O.T.; O.T.D.) and Physical Therapy (Ph.D., P.T.). In addition to these programs, the College of Allied Health offers a Master of Medical Science (M.M.S.) degree open to mid-level clinicians and allied health professionals. The College of Medical Sciences grants the Master of Biomedical Sciences (M.B.S.) degree, and in the fall of 1997, the College of Dental Medicine admitted its charter class into the Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.) program.

You will study in the newly dedicated $70 million Health Professions Division complex, covering 21 acres of the university campus. The Division includes eight buildings totaling over 900,000 square feet of space for classrooms, laboratories, offices, the Health Professions Division Library, an outpatient health center, and a pharmaceutical care center. The adjacent 1,600-vehicle parking garage overlooks the Miami Dolphins Training Camp.
ACCREDITATION

Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine has been granted accreditation by the Bureau of Professional Education of the American Osteopathic Association. This body is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as the accrediting agency for colleges educating osteopathic physicians and surgeons.

Nova Southeastern University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097; telephone number 404-679-4501) to award bachelor's, master's, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees.
Over the past two decades, Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine (NSU-COM) has become a renowned leader in the field of medical education, and I envision an even brighter future that builds on the strong foundation we have created. In January 1999, we embarked on an innovative program to revolutionize clinical education and training by forming the Consortium for Excellence in Medical Education (CEME), which includes all of the institutions and hospitals at which we have graduate medical education programs. The purpose of CEME is to increase the number, and more importantly, the quality of our postdoctoral medical training programs, including internships, residencies, fellowships and continuing education programs.

In just three short years, CEME has evolved into a unified medical education system comprising 14 teaching hospitals and institutions spanning the states of Florida, Georgia, and Alabama. The CEME network also includes ambulatory centers, county health departments, and social service agencies. Consortium members are working to provide continuing education for community-based practitioners, faculty development, and community health initiatives as well as public health and preventive medicine programs that benefit Florida's elderly, indigent and minority patient populations.

While we remain dedicated to providing our students with a multidisciplinary education that emphasizes primary care, we continue to investigate exciting new vistas such as clinical and primary care research as well as international and preventive medicine. This is an exciting time for the osteopathic medical progression, which continues to gain in stature both nationally and internationally. The College of Osteopathic Medicine staff, faculty, and administration work together as a team with Nova Southeastern University to produce the most knowledgeable, dedicated, and compassionate osteopathic physicians in the health care field.

Dean
If you are considering a career as a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, enormous opportunities to practice modern medicine await you. For the osteopathic physician, a patient is much more than a presenting symptom. Each person is a complete human being to be evaluated with consideration for his or her entire background.

The osteopathic model is comprehensive and holistic and demands that its practitioners possess both humanitarian and intellectual qualities. It encourages a broad educational background in the sciences as well as the humanities.

Two types of physicians are licensed to practice medicine in all 50 states: the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) and the Doctor of Medicine (M.D.). While both types of physicians are trained in all aspects of patient care, D.O.'s offer a distinct, holistic approach to medicine.

Osteopathic medicine is a profession which recognizes the relationship between physical structure (musculoskeletal) and organic function. Osteopathic physicians view the human body as an interdependent unit rather than an assortment of separate parts and systems. Osteopathic medicine is distinguished by:

- an emphasis on primary care
- utilization of osteopathic manipulative medicine when indicated
- a tradition of caring for patients in underserved rural and urban areas

While all medical, surgical, and obstetric specialties are represented within our profession, the training of vitally needed family physicians, and the drive to reach rural, minority, geriatric and indigent populations, make our program unique.

A dynamic career awaits a committed individual. We invite your inquiries.

COURSE OF STUDY

The Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) is a professional degree which requires four years of professional study. Our innovative curriculum is designed to fulfill our mission of training primary care physicians. Its design is based on successful academic models, carefully developed and integrated.

The unique curriculum provides academic and clinical training which prepares students for the "real world" of medicine. It will make you more competitive for postdoctoral training positions and more attractive to those interviewing candidates for those positions.

A notable aspect of our clinical training program is a three-month clinical rotation at a rural setting where many residents have little access to health care. You will learn to treat various cultural and ethnic groups whose lifestyles and attitudes toward health care differ from those you will see in more traditional training sites. It is an enriching educational experience.
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THIRD YEAR CORE CLINICAL ROTATIONS
BMP 7108 Psychiatry
FMG 7108 Geriatrics
FMN 7108 Family Medicine - Clinic
IMA 7108 Internal Medicine
IMA 7208 Internal Medicine
IMA 7308 Internal Medicine
PED 7108 Pediatrics - Ambulatory
PED 7208 Pediatrics - Hospital
OBG 7108 Obstetrics/Gynecology
SGN 7108 General Surgery
SGN 7208 General Surgery

FOURTH YEAR CORE CLINICAL ROTATIONS
FME 8108 Emergency Medicine
FMN 8108 Family Medicine - Preceptorship
FMR 8108 Rural Medicine
FMR 8208 Rural Medicine
FMR 8308 Rural Medicine
IDC 8821 Senior Seminar
Elective Clinical Rotations:
BMA 8108 Addiction Medicine
BMP 8108 General Psychiatry
IMA 8108 General Internal Medicine
IMA 8208 "Harvey"
IMA 8308 Medical Intensive Care
IMD 8108 Dermatology
IME 8108 Endocrinology
IMG 8108 Gastroenterology
IMH 8108 Hematology/Oncology
IMI 8108 Infectious Diseases
IMK 8108 Nephrology
IMN 8108 Neurology
IMR 8108 Rheumatology
IMX 8108 Radiology
FME 8208 Emergency Medicine
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PED 8408 Pediatric Emergency Medicine
PED 8508 Pediatric Infectious Disease
PED 8608 Adolescent Medicine
PED 8708 Pediatric Intensive Care
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SCV 8108 Cardiovascular Surgery
SGN 8208 Surgical Intensive Care
SNE 8108 Neurosurgery
SOP 8108 Ophthalmology
SOR 8108 Orthopedics
SPR 8108 Proctology
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FMO 8148 Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Fellowship I
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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants for admission to the first-year class must meet the following requirements prior to matriculation:

1. A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university is preferred. A minimum of 90 semester hours of acceptable work may be considered for admission.

2. Completion, with a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or better on a four-point grading scale, of:
   a. Eight semester hours of each of the following courses:
      - General biology (including laboratory)
      - General chemistry (including laboratory)
      - Organic chemistry (including laboratory)
      - Physics (including laboratory)
   b. Three semester hours of each of the following courses:
      - English literature
      - English composition

These are minimum academic requirements for admission. Students are encouraged to take additional courses such as embryology, genetics, behavioral sciences, and the humanities.

Preference will be given to students with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. However, the Dean is empowered to evaluate the total qualifications of every student and to modify requirements in unusual circumstances.

3. All applicants are required to take the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT). Applications for the MCAT may be obtained from your college's pre-professional advisor's office, or by writing directly to:

   Medical College Admission Test
   Program Office
   2255 North Dubuque Road
   P.O. Box 4056
   Iowa City, Iowa 52243-4056
   (319) 337-1357

MCAT scores must be no more than three years old. This examination, offered twice a year, usually in August and April, evaluates the applicant's knowledge of biology, general chemistry, organic chemistry, reading comprehension, and quantitative reasoning. We strongly recommend that the examination be taken in the spring of the junior year, so that, if applicants feel that the test scores are unsatisfactory, they may retake the examination in the fall of the senior year. Only the best set of test scores will be considered. All scores should be forwarded to the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Application Service (AACOMAS).

The College receives over 3,500 applications a year, from which only 180 students are chosen. These students have varied backgrounds, and while many enter the College directly from an undergraduate program, other students come from successful careers. Entering students have included pharmacists, physician assistants, nurses, teachers, pilots and engineers.

The Committee on Admissions recommends applicants to the Dean on the basis of demonstrated academic excellence, leadership, compassion, and commitment to the osteopathic medical profession.
APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The College participates in the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Application Service (AACOMAS) for the receipt and processing of all applications. AACOMAS takes no part in the selection of students.

AACOMAS application packets may be obtained from Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine in person or by writing directly to:

AACOMAS
5550 Friendship Boulevard
Suite 310
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7231
(301) 968-4190

Applicants choosing to submit a paper application can download applications and instructions from www.aacom.org.

Applicants may also submit applications electronically through AACOMAS Online, an interactive Web-based application which can be accessed through www.aacom.org.

Listed below are the steps necessary to complete applications before they can be reviewed by the Committee on Admissions.

1. The applicant should mail the following materials to AACOMAS by January 15:
   - AACOMAS application
   - An official transcript from the registrar of each college or university attended. This must be mailed directly to AACOMAS by the college or university.
   - MCAT scores. (Must be no more than three years old.)

2. The applicant should mail the following materials to the College by March 1st:
   - A supplemental application (download) sent to the applicant by the College on receipt of the AACOMAS application
   - A non-refundable application fee of $50
   - A letter of evaluation from the pre-professional committee, or, if such a committee does not exist, then three letters of evaluation: two from science professors, and one from a liberal arts professor
   - A letter of evaluation from an osteopathic physician

Interview

A personal interview is a part of the admission process; however, being interviewed is not a guarantee of admission. Not all applicants will be granted an interview. Those selected for an interview will be notified of the date and time of such interview by the Office of Admissions.

Notice of acceptance or action by the Committee on Admissions will be on a "rolling" or periodic schedule; therefore, early completion of the application is in the best interest of the student.

Inquiries should be directed to:

Office of Admissions
College of Osteopathic Medicine
Nova Southeastern University
3200 South University Drive
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33328
(954) 262-1101 or (800) 356-0026, Ext. 1101

Transcripts

After acceptance, final transcripts, covering all of the applicant's work, must be forwarded to the Office of Admissions prior to matriculation. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that arrangements are made for these transcripts to be sent.
Transfer Students

Circumstances may warrant that a student enrolled in one osteopathic college seeks to transfer to another institution. Credits may be transferred from medical schools and colleges accredited by the American Osteopathic Association or by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) or from other professional schools if, in the opinion of the Dean, these schools have provided course work comparable to that of the College of Osteopathic Medicine.

1. Transfers from one college of osteopathic medicine to another shall require that the last two years of instruction be completed within the college granting the D.O. degree;
2. Transfers from an LCME-accredited medical school or college shall require that no less than the last fifty percent of instruction be completed within the college of osteopathic medicine;
3. Transfer credits shall be given only if the student is eligible for re-admission to the previously attended college of osteopathic medicine or other medical school.
4. Credit is only given for completed courses with grades of 70% (C) or greater.

Anyone wishing to transfer to Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine must:
• Make a formal application to Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine Office of Admissions;
• Meet all admission requirements to Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine, which include submitting official transcripts of all college work (including osteopathic transcripts), MCAT scores, National Board scores, if taken, and letters of evaluation. No applicant will be accepted without an interview;
• Be in good standing at the transferring institution as documented by a letter from the Dean of the transferring institution;
• Supply a letter of recommendation from a faculty member of the transferring osteopathic institution;
• Supply a written statement outlining reasons for request of transfer;

Decisions on transfer are made by the Dean. The decision will be based on factors which include, but are not limited to, academic record, circumstances leading to the transfer request, available space, and admission standards. The College of Osteopathic Medicine will evaluate such credit and grant that which is appropriate, with total course work and total tuition reduced appropriately.

Send application and documentation to:
Office of Admissions
College of Osteopathic Medicine
Nova Southeastern University
3200 South University Drive
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33328

Foreign Course Work

Undergraduate course work taken at a foreign institution must be evaluated for U.S. institution equivalence. Foreign course work must be evaluated by one of the services listed below. You should contact one of the following:

World Education Services, Inc.  Josef Silny & Associates, Inc.
RO. Box 745 Old Chelsea  International Education Consultants
New York, NY 10113-0745  RO. Box 248233
(212) 966-6311  Coral Gables, FL 33124

World Education Services, Inc.
RO. Box 01-5060
Miami, Florida 33101
(305) 358-6688
www.wes.org

World Education Services, Inc.
P.O. Box 514070
Milwaukee, WI 53203-3470
(414) 289-3400
www.ece.org

It is the applicant's responsibility to have this course work evaluated, and an official evaluation must be sent to the Office of Admissions.

Student Housing

Located in close proximity to the Health Professions Division, Nova Southeastern University's on-campus residence halls offer one-bedroom (single) and two-bedroom (double) apartments, as well as married housing. Numerous apartments, condominiums, and other rental facilities are also located near campus. Information concerning housing may be obtained from the:

Office of Residential Life
Nova Southeastern University
3301 College Avenue
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33314
(954) 262-7052

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Nova Southeastern University
3301 College Avenue
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**TUITION & FEES**

1. The anticipated tuition for 2002-2003 (subject to change by the Board of Trustees without notice): $21,245 for Florida residents and $26,395 for out-of-state students. For the first-year students, a microscope/laboratory fee of $100 is required and a student activities fee of $125 is required for each year of the program.

   Eligible students must request in-state tuition on application. For tuition purposes, a student’s Florida residency status (in-state or out-of-state) will be determined based upon initial matriculation and will remain the same throughout the entire enrollment of the student at NSU. Accordingly, tuition will not be adjusted as a result of any change in status after initial enrollment registration.

2. Acceptance Fee - $250. This fee is required to reserve the accepted applicant’s place in the entering first-year class. This advance payment will be deducted from the tuition payment due on Registration Day, but is not refundable in the event of a withdrawal. Applicants accepted prior to November 15 will have until December 14 to pay this acceptance fee. Applicants accepted between November 15 and January 14 will have 30 days and those accepted between January 15 and June 14 will have 14 days to pay this acceptance fee. Those accepted on or after June 15 may be asked for an immediate fee.

3. Deposit - $750. This advance payment is due March 15. It will be deducted from the tuition payment due on Registration Day, but is non-refundable in the event of a withdrawal.

4. Pre-registration Fee – $1000. This is due May 15, under the same terms as the deposit.

5. University Technology Fee – not to exceed $100 when implemented

   The first semester’s tuition and fees, less the $2,000 previously paid, are due on or before Registration Day. Tuition for each subsequent semester is due on or before the appropriate Registration Day. Students will not be admitted until their financial obligations have been met. The financial ability of applicants to complete their training at the College is important because of the limited number of positions available in each class. Applicants should have specific plans for financing four years of professional education. This should include tuition, living expenses, books, equipment, and miscellaneous expenses.

   It is required that each student carry adequate personal medical and hospital insurance. Students may avail themselves of the hospitalization insurance plan obtainable through the University.

**EXPENSES & FINANCIAL AID**

Students should anticipate spending approximately $4,300 a year for books, equipment and supplies, and $13,000 for living expenses for a nine-month academic year.

The primary financial responsibility for a student’s education rests with the student and his or her family, but economic circumstances for some families may make it necessary for the student to obtain assistance from other sources.

The purpose of the Student Financial Aid Program at Nova Southeastern University is to help as many qualified students as possible to complete their health professions education. Various loans, scholarships, and grants are available to qualified students to help ease the high cost of a health professions education. These financial assistance programs are described in a separate University publication: A Guide to Student Financial Assistance.

For a copy or information, contact:

**Department of Student Financial Aid**

Nova Southeastern University
3301 College Avenue
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33314
(954) 262-3380 or 1-800-806-3680

Opportunity for a limited number of part-time work assignments is available. However, the demands of a program of professional study limit the number of hours a student can work.
WELCOME TO OUR CAMPUS

1 TERRY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
First Floor
- Student Affairs
- Admissions
- Financial Aid
- HPD Cafeteria

Second Floor
- College of Allied Health
  - Occupational Therapy Program
  - Physical Therapy Program
  - Physician Assistant Program
  - Public Health Program
  - Medical Science Program

Third Floor
- College of Medical Sciences
- College of Pharmacy

Fourth Floor
- College of Osteopathic Medicine
- College of Optometry

Fifth Floor
- HPD Administration

2 ASSEMBLY BUILDING
- Finkelstein Auditorium - 125 seat
- Jonas Auditorium - 125 seat
- Melnick Auditorium - 125 seat
- Rossick Auditorium - 125 seat
- Terry Auditorium - 125 seat
- Auditoria A, B, and C - 125 seats each
- Robert A. Steele Auditorium - 500 seat
- Hull Auditorium - 250 seat
- Seminar Rooms

3 LIBRARY/LABORATORY BUILDING
First Floor
- Drug Information Center
- Harvey Cardiac Simulation Room
- HPD Library
- Student Computer Laboratory
- Patient Simulation Center

Second Floor
- Occupational Therapy Laboratories
- Optometry Laboratories
- Physical Therapy Laboratory
- Student Lounge
- F.O.M.A. Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Laboratory

Third Floor
- Basic Science Laboratories
- Gross Anatomy Laboratories
- Microscopy Laboratory
- Research Laboratories
- Moran Pharmacy Practice Laboratory
- Pharmacokinetics Laboratory
- Pharmacoeconomics Laboratory

4 CAMPUS PHARMACY AND PHARMACEUTICAL CARE CENTER

5 SANFORD L. ZIFF HEALTH CARE CENTER
First Floor
- Family Medicine
- Occupational Therapy
- Pediatrics
- Dermatology
- Physical Therapy
- Radiology

Second Floor
- Optometry Clinics
- Optometry Dispensary

Third Floor
- Business Offices
- Specialty Clinics (Cardiology, Internal Medicine, Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine, Pulmonary Medicine)
- Emergency Medicine Training Center
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